THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) The Government of India had appointed the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) as a consultant to examine the need and necessity of an Independent Regulator for coal sector and if required to define its role and functions. ASCI has submitted its report in the matter, which is under consideration.

New coal mines

1019. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new coal mines proposed to be started in the country during the year 2007-08;

(b) if so, the State-wise/mine-wise/company-wise details thereof;

(c) the details of such coal mines proposed to be started in private/Government sector; and

(d) the details of target fixed for production of coal by these coal mines during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (d) Following new coal projects of Coal India Limited (CIL) are planned to start contribution from the year 2007-08 (Excluding Expansion projects). The details are as under:

Sl. No.	*Subsi-diary	State	Name of Project	Capacity (MTY)	Capital (Rs. Crores)	Projected Production (MTE) 2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	NCL	Madhya Pradesh	Block B	Open-cast	3.50	746.04	1.90	2.00	2.50
2	NCL	Uttar Pradesh	Krishnashila	Open-cast	4.00	789.88	0.20	2.00	3.00
3	WCL	Mahara-shtra	Durgapur RYT 6, 7 & 8	Under-ground	0.32	13.64	0.03	0.10	0.20
4	SECL	Chhattis-garh	Damini	Under-ground	0.48	39.32	0.02	0.170	0.35
5	MCL	Orissa	Bhubane-swari	Open-cast	10.00	336.68	0.50	1.50	4.00
			TOTAL		18.30	1925.56	2.65	5.77	10.05

*Subsidiary

1. Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL),
2. Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL),
3. Western Coal Fields Ltd. (WCL),
4. South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL),
5. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL).

Following mines of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) are planned to open during 2007-08:

Sl. No.	Mine	Capacity (MT)	Sanctioned Capital (Rs. Crores)	Target (MTPA) 2008-09	2009-10
1	SRP Open Cast I	0.60	48.93	0.60	0.60
2	Khairagura Expansion	1.78	92.46	2.50	2.50
3	Dorli Opencast I	0.70	48.68	0.70	0.70
4	Dorli Opencast II	0.70	47.67	0.70	0.70
5	JVR OC I Expansion	0.90	39.98	0.90	0.90
6	RG Opencast I Expansion	1.50	88.10	1.50	1.50
	TOTAL:	6.18	365.82	6.90	6.90

All the mines of SCCL are located in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Review of private sector ownership of coal mines

1020. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all coal mines are owned by public sector, private sector and joint sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering review of private sector ownership of coal mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Coal mines are owned by either a public sector company or private sector company or joint venture company. Besides the Coal India Limited (CIL), a public sector undertaking (PSU) and the Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL), a joint venture company of the Government of India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, there are 172 coal blocks allocated to other public as well as private sector companies. The table below indicates the number of mines/coal blocks owned by Public Sector and Private Sector Companies:

Number of mines/blocks

State	CIL	SCCL	PSUs other than CIL and SCCL	Private Companies
West Bengal	98		13	2
Jharkhand	159		26	21
Uttar Pradesh	4		—	—
Madhya Pradesh	73		11	9